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Clear Floor Area of Cubicles in Patient Holding Areas	Minimum Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan Section 2.1.C
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Interpretive Bulletins are released by the Health Facility Evaluation Section to clarify sections of the Michigan Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan and when research, experience, or technology illustrates present regulations do not adequately address the specific instances or circumstances in the health care environment.

The standard states that a minimum of 80 square feet (sf) of clear floor area shall be provided per bed or stretcher that is enclosed in a multi-bed room (in patient holding areas). This is interpreted to mean that **the specified cubicle clear floor area is to be exclusive of the circulation floor area** because routine traffic within the cubicle should not:

1. Impact the patient care related function within the cubicle space;
2. Require violating a patient's visual privacy.